

STUDENT WORKSHEET | OBJECT ANALYSIS | ARTEFACTS

Object Analysis	Examples	Object
DESCRIPTION – what does it look like?	materials (e.g. metal, wood, paper, clay), colour, shape	
SIZE – what size is it?	height, depth, width	
CONDITION – what condition is it in?	complete object or part of object, parts replaced, broken	
DATE – when was it made and used?	period of time and/or special event	
PURPOSE – why did people use it?	work, entertainment, decoration, ritual, travel	
USER – who used it?	children, adults, certain professions	
CONSTRUCTION – who made it, and how?	handmade or made by machines, skills / equipment required	
LOCATION – where was it used / found?	country and region	
SIGNIFICANCE – why was it collected?	historical, cultural, sentimental, scientific, monetary	

History and Design

How did the object work and how well do you think it worked? (If applicable)

Is the object still used today? How has it changed over time, or what replaced it?

What does this object tell you about the past and changes over time?

What other interesting features do you notice about this object?

Research

What further questions would you like to answer?



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